

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
S-8165-CON-RCE (20518/91-CON-RCE)

In Re Application Of:

WENDEMAR R. Fiehler

Application No. 09/803,570	Filing Date March 9, 2001	Examiner Kim, Sun U	Customer No. 21710	Group Art Unit 1723	Confirmation No. 6856
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Invention: A Method and Apparatus for Dispensing Separator Gel in a Blood Collection Tube

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 4/19/04 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: July 19, 2004 until: September 19, 2004
Date Date

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	27 -	30 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	5 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$420.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$420.00

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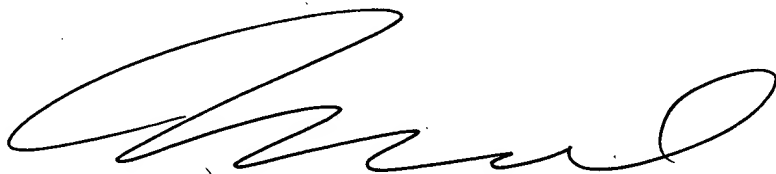
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$420.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 500369 in the amount of \$420.00
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500369
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 500369
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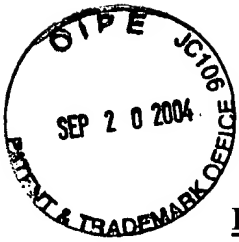
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks set forth below.